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**COMMENTS:**

Dear Examiner Khan,

Please see the attached Response to Office Action.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006.

The pending claims are set forth on pages 2-6 of this paper.

Remarks are set forth on pages 7- 15 of this paper.